

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, after the title, please delete the first paragraph of cross reference statement, which was inserted previously in the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 16, 2001 and replace it with the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

AW The present application is the National Phase of International Application PCT/EP99/07832, filed October 15, 1999, and published under PCT Article 21(2) in English as WO 00/23584 on April 27, 2000.

AW At the end of the application, please cancel the existing Sequence Listing and replace it with the substitute Sequence Listing appended hereto, and insert the same.